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ADVANCED PRACTICE COMMITTEE Minutes
(Approved November 24, 2014)

The Advanced Practice Committee held a meeting on October 27, 2014 at 6:00 p.m., in Room 113 of the STAR Campus, College of Health Sciences, University of Delaware in Newark, DE.

PRESENT: Jean Gallagher, Allen Prettyman, Megan Williams, Sandy Elliott, Delphos Price, Ron Castaldo, Leslie Verucci, JoAnn Baker (telephone), Candace Sandal, Cindy Cunningham

ABSENT: Cindy Drew, Robert McKennett

GUESTS: Al Sandal, Chris DiPietro, Susan Hutchinson, Carlos de los Ramos, Julia Paulus, Rebecca Kidner, Deanna Bennet

PRESIDING: Megan Williams

STAFF: Pamela Zickafoose, Executive Director, Delaware Board of Nursing

CALL TO ORDER: Dr. Williams called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. Committee members introduced themselves for the guests and they introduced themselves to the committee.

REVIEW OF MINUTES: Minutes from September 29, 2014 were reviewed. Mr. Castaldo made two corrections. Ms. Gallagher made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, seconded by Mr. Price. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

November/December Education for Newly Elected Legislators

Members discussed the upcoming election and the need for educating new legislators as well as incumbents. Mr. Castaldo mentioned the article discussed at last month's meeting and the strategies used by successful states to obtain the 28 points toward consensus. Guests were asked to share their experiences with difficult legislation and strategies used in the past. Mr. DiPietro and Ms. Kidner discussed their understanding of the Consensus Model bill and agreed that it would be a large bill that might be controversial, particularly related to the elimination of collaborative agreements. Members also discussed the confusion that could ensue if the Midwifery bill is introduced in the same session. All agreed there needs to be an increased effort for nurses to go to Legislative Hall and educate their legislators. Various strategies for introduction of the bill were discussed. Dr. Zickafoose will schedule a conference call with Mr. Castaldo, Dr. Williams, and Sarah Carmody to further discuss the introduction of the bill. Members of the committee briefly described some of the data in the state as well as the SIM grant from the DHCC. Dr. Prettyman stated more outcomes data is needed in Delaware to help support the Consensus Model bill. Dr. Williams stated the goal must be the triple aim with quality healthcare for patients being to top priority followed by cost containment.

Legislative Letter for Mr. Mangler

Dr. Zickafoose reminded the committee that the letter for the Consensus Model bill needs to be written and sent to Mr. Mangler by November 14, 2014. Dr. Williams will draft the letter and send to Dr. Zickafoose.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

AARP Contact

Dr. Williams welcomed Mr. Carlos de los Ramos to the group although he introduced himself at the beginning of the meeting. Mr. de los Ramos stated he had only been in this position for a few weeks so he was trying to learn about the progress in DE. He has not hired an advocate, and therefore he was not sure what support could be provided at this time. Mr. de los Ramos stated the relationship with the national AARP is crucial and he is our link to Washington. Dr. Zickfoose reported that she and Sarah Carmody are going to the AARP Leadership and Legacy conference in Phoenix next month.

Consensus Model Education- MSD Taskforce Meeting

Mr. Price, Dr. Prettyman and Dr. Zickafoose met with the MSD in September and it was suggested to form a taskforce to look at the language in the bill. Mr. Price stated he worked with Dr. Fan the previous evening and she has not forgotten about this suggestion. However, nothing could be scheduled until after the election on November 4th.

Legislative Outreach- Stakeholder Contact Meetings

Several committee members provided updates with their contacts but most had not met due to the upcoming election. Ms. Verucci, Ms. Elliott, and Ms. Baker will follow up for the next meeting. Ms. Elliott added that APNs spoke in opposition of the lay midwives bill at Representative Baumbach's last meeting. She also provided an update on the status of that bill saying the national office had signed off on the bill which included language to offer two licenses- CPM and CM licenses. She also reported attending a meeting at the MSD where it was stated that doctors are taking their own position and developing their own bill.

Meetings with Legislators/Campaigns

Be sure to VOTE! Education will resume after the election results are in.

Statute and Regulations-Section 8 Regulations

Tabled due to lack of time.

OTHER BUSINESS (for discussion only):

Dr. Zickafoose asked the committee members about two nurses with unique licensure situations that would be presented to the Board at their November meeting. One did not have the required practice hours. Members discussed the number of clinical hours for each type of educational program. A supervised practice plan was recommended to include 600 hours of supervision prior to licensure.

The second person graduated from a program that is not consistent with the Consensus Model for licensure and they agreed she was not eligible for licensure.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

NEXT MEETING – November 24, 2014 at 6pm in Dover. This is a new date since there was a scheduling conflict with the original date selected. Members marked their calendars.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pamela C. Zickafoose". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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